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that makes it easier on the nursing homes so that they don't automatically have their license revoked but they have other options that the Health Department can take for the benefit of the nursing home. And as I told Senator Newell, if the Nebraska Health Care Association wants this amendment, again I will compromise and I will try and show again in good faith that I do not want to make it any more strenuous on the nursing homes than necessary. If this amendment passes, it won't bother me one bit. If it doesn't pass, that won't bother me either. I merely am saying I am offering it again as a compromise because Senator Newell said having worked for a nursing home association at one time, the nonprofit nursing home associations, he thought it would be more fair to all of them. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Newell, did you wish to close?

SENATOR NEWELL: Yes, I will. Let me just say I am not offering this for either a nursing home association or for the industry. I am offering it because I think it is a rational way in which to deal with the question of enforcing this act. It gives many options which the Department of Health may wish to evoke. It is preferable to having just an absolute "you have to jerk their license or you don't". So I think that frankly it is fair. It is not being offered in behalf of anybody but I do think it will stand the test of time. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is the adoption of the Newell amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? There are five excused, Senator Newell. We are voting on the Newell amendment. Record the vote. Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: I would like to have a Call of the House. Obviously we do not have enough here to operate under.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is, shall the House go under Call? Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 11 ayes, 0 nays to go under Call, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay, we are under Call. Will you please return to your seats. Those listening on the PA system, please return to the floor, unauthorized personnel, please leave the floor, and indicate your presence. Now we are going to need your cooperation on this if we are going to get it accomplished because we are on your General File priority bills now, and if you will please cooperate, we